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Demonstrators gather Tuesday in Boystown to voice their support for same-sex marriages.
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Enjoy the Doggy Happy Hour from 5-9 p.m. Wednesdays at Joe's Bar (940 W. Weed St.). Drink specials include $5 vodka lemonades and $5 Coors Light pitchers.

To compete
Register for the ESPN Zone Sports Spelling Bee by visiting **espnzone.com/chicago**, and you could walk away with $1,000 in prizes. Watch the competition for free Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 43 E. Ohio St.

To celebrate
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TUESDAY'S WINNING CAPTION
"Oy! This spaghetti tastes like rubber!" *—Jeff Warner*

The tweet spot

What was the hot topic Tuesday in RedEye's Twitterverse? RedEye's tweet on vegetable-flavored—yes, vegetable-flavored—Pepsi coming to Japan launched several retweets and comments. You can drink up with RedEye on Twitter at **twitter.com/redeyechicago.**

@lauranette YUCK. Do u get all the vitamins too?

@Harry_Who Actually doesn't sound so bad: Vegetable-flavored Pepsi.

@spanky2369 Love the ad(aside from the fact i can't read it,) but i don't think thats a flavor for America just yet.

@lamariposanegra Ice cucumber pepsi sounds good for some reason ... too bad I don't drink pop ... or live in Japan

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TODAY'S FORECAST
Keep the umbrella handy—more rain

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Supreme choice

Sotomayor poised to be first Hispanic on high court

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Obama chose federal appeals judge Sonia Sotomayor to become the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice on Tuesday, praising her as "an inspiring woman" with both the intellect and compassion to interpret the Constitution wisely.

Obama said Sotomayor has more experience as a judge than any current member of the high court had when nominated, adding she has earned the "respect of colleagues on the bench, the admiration of many lawyers who argue cases in her court and the adoration of her clerks, who look to her as a mentor."

Standing next to Obama at the White House, Sotomayor recalled a childhood spent in a housing project in the Bronx as well as her upper-echelon legal career: "I strive never to forget the real world consequences of my decisions on individuals, businesses and government."

Barring the unexpected, Senate confirmation seems likely, given the large Democratic majority. If approved, she would join Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as the second woman on the current court, the third in history. She would succeed retiring Justice David Souter.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) issued a statement saying he looked forward "to working with both Democrats and Republicans on the Judiciary Committee to confirm Judge Sotomayor as the first Hispanic and the third woman to sit on the court."

Senate Republicans pledged to give her a fair hearing, and some questioned whether she would base decisions on her personal feelings, rather than constitutional principles. Given her background, any effort to filibuster her nomination could carry political risks, since Hispanics are the fastest-growing segment of the population and an increasingly important one politically.

Introducing his choice, Obama said, "Along the way, she's faced down barriers, overcome the odds and lived out the American dream that brought her parents here so long ago."

The president called on the Senate to confirm Sotomayor before the court begins its new term in October.

President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden applaud Sonia Sotomayor at a news conference Tuesday after Obama announced he is nominating her to replace Justice David Souter on the Supreme Court. MCT

BIOGRAPHY

NAME: Sonia Sotomayor
AGE: 54
BORN: June 25, 1954; New York, N.Y.
EXPERIENCE: judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 1998-present; judge, U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 1992-1998; private practice, New York City, 1984-1992; assistant district attorney, New York County, 1979-1984
EDUCATION: B.A., Princeton University, 1976; J.D., Yale Law School, 1979.
FAMILY: Divorced; no children.

"I don't believe we should bend the Constitution under any circumstance. It says what it says. We should do honor to it."

—Sotomayor during a 1997 nomination hearing

The supreme tweet

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers—let's call them justices—to deliberate on Obama's choice. Here are some of their opinions. You can wear a long robe with RedEye on Twitter—or even tweet naked if you want—at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**.

@anotherside Sonia Sotomayor? Brilliant. Diversifies representation & will bring common sense and "real" life experience to the bench.

@diamondg83 I am so proud to see a Latina picked for this position & I hope she succeeds & this opens a door for Latinas everywhere.

@southchicago A nuyorican from the projects on the highest bench?? Wonder how gop-botz feel about that....

@Gee43 We can pray this nomination will bring a fresh look at what faces the citizens and informed justice under the law.

@thisisKFO Spectacular choice by Obama! Sonia Sotomayor seems like she would stand her ground but take all facts into consideration!

COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

Kansas university stirs debate over outsourced classes

Associated Press

Just how much can a college outsource and still be a college?

The question is no longer just academic at Fort Hays State University in Kansas. Under a novel arrangement, the school will accept credits from a private company that runs introductory courses in subjects such as economics and English composition—listing them on transcripts under the Fort Hays State name.

To some on campus, that sounds like a restaurant ordering takeout from a rival and serving it up as home cooking.

"It could really damage our academic reputation," said Topher Rome, a graduate student who helped start a Facebook group with 147 members opposing the arrangement.

But the public university notes the arrangement isn't for current students there—it's mostly a recruiting tool. Fort Hays State hopes to drum up business amid declining state funding and a dwindling local population, encouraging those who sign up for the online courses to continue their education through the university.

It's the latest chapter in an evolving debate about the place of innovation in higher education. Is outsourcing teaching—especially for huge and often poorly run introductory courses—a way for colleges to catch up with other industries and rein in out-of-control costs? Or does it mean gutting what makes universities special?

HOW IT WORKS

The company working with Fort Hays State, StraighterLine, runs its own courses, which are designed by experts but aren't led by a professor. Nonetheless, the credits earned would be indistinguishable from those taught by professors at Fort Hays State.

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Old-school beats still in the house

Going deep

Thank you for writing this article on house music ("House of representin'," May 22 cover story). Just to clarify, there is a difference in the type of house music that is played. You have underground/deep house and you have the current house music. The underground/deep house music started with Farley, Frankie Knuckles, Ron Hardy, Lil' Louis, Steve Hurley and so on.

They had a mixture of tracks and old disco songs that they combined together, which gave you that feeling of being free and dancing. A lot of the newer music that you hear on the radio is transcended more to a younger generation. But the 38-and-older crowd understands exactly what deep house is all about. That's why I enjoy listening to The Dizz, because he brings back what we enjoyed back in the days of going to hotel parties and club parties.

—STEVEN BATTLE, 38, HYDE PARK

Why fidelity?

I really like what Stephen Markley said about our natural disinclination toward fidelity ("Break up or make up with a cheat?" 3 Sum column, May 8). As humans, we naturally like variety. We enjoy many different types of foods and enjoy multiple pastimes. Additionally, many of us have multiple close friends and even multiple children, fully understanding that our relationship with our daughters do not take away from the love that we have for our sons.

Why is this not the case with romantic relationships? It would take a major paradigm shift, but we could all benefit from a more realistic, honest view of romantic relationships. We need to acknowledge natural desires instead of setting seemingly impossible expectations for ourselves and others, then lying when we fail to meet them.

—SHAWN COLEMAN, 26, ALBANY PARK

Thou shalt not snore

Adding to your list of cinema don't's: Thou shalt not go to sleep and snore ("Cinemorons, please take note," Kyra Kyles column, May 22). I admit that it was more hilarious than a problem when this particular large woman (no offense), surrounded by an ample amount of popcorn, snacks, etc., fell asleep and began to snore. Finally, someone woke her up so we all could watch the movie in peace.

—RODNEY ALLEN, 54, AUSTIN

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SAME-SEX SETBACK?

Ban on gay marriage upheld in California, but advocates keep up fight, including in Illinois

Chicago Tribune

Waving rainbow flags and signs reading, "We Demand Equality," more than 1,000 people marched along Halsted Street in the rain Tuesday evening to protest the California Supreme Court's decision to uphold the state's ban on same-sex marriages.

"Even though we don't live in California, this decision affects us," said Brett Stortz, 22. "It's almost like we're second-class citizens."

The California Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld Proposition 8's ban on same-sex marriage but also ruled that gay couples who wed before the measure was approved by voters in November will remain married under state law.

The decision virtually ensures another fight at the ballot box over marriage rights for gays. Gay-rights activists say they may ask voters to repeal the marriage ban as early as next year, and opponents have pledged to fight any such effort. Proposition 8 passed with 52 percent of the vote.

The court ruled 6-1 on the constitutionality of Proposition 8, but the justices were unanimous in deciding to keep intact the marriages of as many as 18,000 gay couples who exchanged vows before the election.

The court said it would be too disruptive to apply Proposition 8 retroactively and dissolve all gay marriages. Doing that would have the effect of "throwing property rights into disarray, destroying the legal interests and expectations of thousands of couples and their families, and potentially undermining the ability of citizens to plan their lives according to the law as it has been determined by this state's highest court," the ruling said.

The marriages began last June, after a 4-3 state Supreme Court ruling striking down the marriage ban last May.

"It's sad that the court voted this way," said Modesto Tico Valle, executive director of the Center on Halsted, a community center for Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

"It's not in touch with the rest of the country as more states, like Iowa, begin to affirm the right to get married. It's concerning that they're taking a step backward for equality."

> ***"Even though we don't live in California, this decision affects us. It's almost like we're second-class citizens."***
>
> **BRETT STORTZ**
> 22, Chicago protester

While upset by the decision in California, local gay rights advocates were pleased that on Tuesday an Illinois House committee advanced a bill that could legalize civil unions, granting same-sex couples in Illinois many of the same rights as married couples.

If it becomes law, the bill would make Illinois the sixth state to approve civil unions, meant to give same-sex couples the same "basic rights" as married couples, said the sponsor, Rep. Greg Harris (D-Chicago).

Harris said he is unsure if he has enough support for the measure to pass the full House. The Senate and the governor also would need to sign off for civil unions to become legal in Illinois. With the legislative adjournment set for Sunday, Harris is running short on time to win approval for the bill this spring.

Rick Garcia, public policy director for Equality Illinois, said the situation in California may actually help gay marriage supporters in the long run.

"This ruling continues the conversation across the country and it energizes those people who are proponents of fairness," he said.

Valle said he sees more young people in Chicago becoming activists and fighting for gay rights.

"If anything, this decision in California will unite our community to continue this movement," Valle said. "Very much like the civil rights movement, it wasn't won overnight."

Opponents of same-sex marriage, however, dispute the idea that this issue involves civil rights.

"Is homosexual behavior a civil right?" said David Smith, executive director of the Illinois Family Institute. "If sexual orientation is a civil right, then where is the stopping point of all this?"

As for the California decision, Smith said: "I'm glad that the California Supreme Court upheld the will of the people. After all, we are a nation of the people, by the people and for the people."

Gay marriage is legal in five states: Iowa, Vermont, Connecticut, Maine and Massachusetts. **L.A. TIMES, MCT CONTRIBUTED.**

Notable nuptials

In deciding to uphold a voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage Tuesday, the California Supreme Court also decided that the estimated 18,000 gay couples who tied the knot before the law took effect will stay wed. Here is a look at three high-profile gay unions in California. **AP, REDEYE**

George Takei and Brad Altman

Married September 2008

The "Star Trek" star, 71, and his longtime partner, Altman, 54, were married in a multicultural ceremony at the Japanese American National Museum that featured a Buddhist priest, Native American wedding bands, a Japanese Koto harp and a bagpipe procession, The Associated Press reported. The couple wore white dinner jackets with black pants, made a grand entrance to the tune of "One Singular Sensation" from the Broadway musical "A Chorus Line" and stepped into a circle of yellow roses and lilies, where they shared a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and were wed by a Buddhist priest.

Wanda Sykes and wife Alex

October 2008

The "The New Adventures of Old Christine" star spoke out in November at a gay rights rally in Las Vegas, according to reports and a YouTube video posted at the time. Sykes revealed she had married a woman in October. This month, The Associated Press reported that Sykes and her wife, mentioned by only her first name, Alex, are the parents of twins. Sykes' publicist, Danica Smith, told the AP the babies, daughter Olivia Lou and son Lucas Claude, were born in late April.

Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi *Married August 2008*

The talk show host and former "Arrested Development" star wed in an intimate ceremony at their home in L.A., their rep told People magazine at the time. DeGeneres, 50, and de Rossi, 35, exchanged rings and handwritten vows. Nineteen guests including the couple's mothers attended the event, according to the magazine's report.

Shawn Higgins (right) and his partner Robert Franco embrace Tuesday in front of a line of San Francisco police following the California Supreme Court's ruling to uphold Proposition 8. GETTY IMAGES

Stand up, fight back

power point

TRENT J. KOLAND
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Honestly, California, you can kiss my ass.

I've had to put up with people like you my entire life. People who judge me without knowing my name. People who would try to hurt me with words. People who would rather punch me in the face than look me in the eye.

I've also learned the only way to deal with a bully is to stand up to him. I've learned the power of the bully comes from the fear he can instill in me.

And guess what, California? I'm not afraid, nor am I alone. Even as I write this, thousands of Americans are standing up against the legal injustice you've thrust upon the gay and lesbian community. We refuse to give you and the rest of America the moral authority to judge us simply because of whom we choose to love.

And the more people who stand up to your intolerance, the harder it will be for you and others like you to rule the playground of American politics.

So to anyone who has ever felt the sting of a bully's taunt or the pain of a bigot's fist, stand up to your political foes. Tell your congressman, your neighbor, your families that you matter. Tell them you won't sit there and take it anymore.

California Supreme Court rules 6-1 on Prop 8

Tribune Newspapers

The California Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled 6-1 on the constitutionality of Proposition 8.

Chief Justice Ronald George, writing for the majority, said Proposition 8 did "not entirely repeal or abrogate" same-sex couples' right to privacy and due process or the "constitutional right of same-sex couples to 'choose one's life partner and enter with that person into a committed, officially recognized, and protected family relationship.'

"Instead, the measure carves out a narrow and limited exception to these state constitutional rights." In an allusion to the state's domestic-partner law, George noted that Proposition 8 left undisturbed "all of the other extremely significant substantive aspects of a same-sex couple's state constitutional right to establish an officially recognized and protected family relationship and the guarantee of equal protection under the laws."

In addition to rejecting the gay-rights lawyers' contention that Proposition 8 was an illegal constitutional revision, the court flatly discarded Atty. Gen. Jerry Brown's argument that the measure was unconstitutional because it affected an "inalienable right."

Justice Carlos Moreno, in the lone dissent, warned that Tuesday's ruling "places at risk the state constitutional rights of all disfavored minorities."

"It weakens the status of our state constitution as a bulwark of fundamental rights for minorities protected from the will of the majority," wrote Moreno, the court's only Democratic appointee.

The court declined to determine whether same-sex marriages performed outside California would be legal there.

Twitter divide

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers for their reaction to Tuesday's Prop 8 ruling. Here are some of the responses. Take a side, anytime, with RedEye on Twitter at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**. COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

@whuddadumbsn a vote by the majority to take away the rights of a minority group? Does that not scream bigotry to anyone else?

@AdamHick So California wants to legalize pot and not give equal rights to its citizens? Is it just me or is this a little unbalanced?

@djpillsd people should be able to marry anyone they want, we all should have the right to be miserable.

@darylblanco New reality show? Jane and Kate Plus Prop 8?

@salkover Prop 8 a victory for traditional marriage being defined as it always has been, without leeway. It's not a civil rights issue.

@OnMyTruth Since when did Iowa become a cooler state than California? Unreal.

@kimmi_page So so dumb. #rejectprop8

@kellyxcupcakes Loving, commited adults should have the right to marry, regardless of their sex. Way to mess it up again California.

@catsav02 I believe in equality, but also in democracy-if the people voted against gay marriage, then that should be upheld.

@knitmeapony I have hope. It won't stand. Not forever, not in my lifetime.

@RandomNickname Gay marriage illegal, unless you got married; The only thing worse than groundless bigotry is inconsistent groundless bigotry

@marsacademy Not surprised at the CA Supreme Court ruling, given their bias. Not travelling to CA this year in protest.

@jbouvier I'm sad that CA has re-instituted "separate but equal" - an idea that we know never results in equality of any sort.

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This course totally bites

Chicago Tribune

Students aiming for an easy A should not have signed up for Donovan Gwinner's latest course at Aurora University. It's a real pain in the neck.

The seminar "Got Blood? Vampires in Literature, Film, and Popular Culture" requires students to devour at least 200 pages a night—all night, if necessary.

But with the exception of "Dracula," most of the reading does not fit into the canon of classic literature. Instead, books include the popular "Twilight" series and "Interview with the Vampire."

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported the "Twilight" titles were among the best-selling books on college campuses this year. That apparent bloodlust among students inspired Gwinner to create the course.

"In the pantheon of monsters and monstrosities, few figures have the hold on our imaginations that vampires do," Gwinner explains in his syllabus.

Emily Parris, 23, of Geneva has sought escape in vampire novels since she was a teen. She likens them to romance.

"I tend to view them more as brain candy," she said.

It also helps that vampires have gotten hunkier over the years.

Humboldt Park fire

Firefighters douse hot spots Tuesday after a fire destroyed or heavily damaged three adjacent apartment buildings in the 1000 block of North Springfield Avenue. Officer Frank Alatorre said he and his partner Brian Peete were conducting a traffic stop nearby when they heard an explosion shortly after midnight and ran to the scene where they saw the fire. The officers then cleared residents out of the building, he said. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

The Burris files

Senator offers check in undercover recording

Chicago Tribune

A transcript of a secretly recorded phone call between the brother of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and U.S. Sen. Roland Burris was released in federal court Tuesday, a call in which Burris, then seeking the Senate seat, was recorded offering the Blagojevich campaign a check.

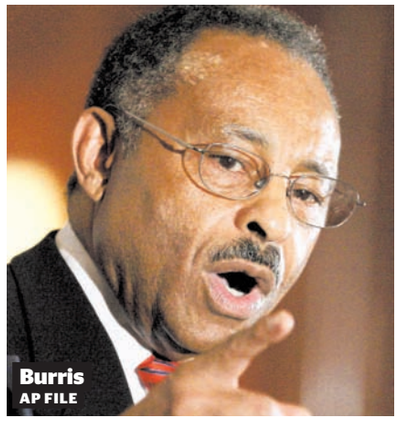
"I know I could give him a check," Burris said. "Myself."

But in the same call, Burris tells Robert Blagojevich he is concerned he and Rod Blagojevich will "catch hell."

"And if I do get appointed that means I bought it," Burris said.

"And, and God knows number one, I, I wanna help Rod," Burris says later in the call. "Number two, I also wanna, you know, hope I get a consideration to get that appointment."

Burris was recorded saying the timing would be crucial to how the fundraising would be perceived.



Burris
AP FILE

"And however that goes, ah, it would dictate, ah, you know how the press treats it," he said.

"Understand," Robert Blagojevich answered.

" 'Cause man, I, I will be, you know we both would be profiled," Burris continued. "And we don't need that."

A federal judge on Tuesday gave prosecutors permission to turn over the recorded conversation to the Senate Ethics Committee, which has launched a review of Burris' conduct prior to his appointment by Blagojevich.

Burris did not specifically mention offering Blagojevich a check in affidavits he filed in Springfield in connection with hearings on Blagojevich's impeachment.

Attorney Michael Ettinger, who represents Robert Blagojevich, said he didn't object to releasing the tape.

"If it was up to us, we'd play it to the public," Ettinger said.

Burris' attorney, Timothy Wright, also did not object to the release and said he believed the tape would show Burris did nothing wrong.

Swine flu victim was 22

Chicago public health officials said Tuesday that the person who became the first person in Illinois to die of swine flu was a 22-year-old Chicago man who had been hospitalized for several weeks before dying on Sunday. Officials refused to release the name of the man, the hospital where he died, and the man's occupation. Tim Hadac, a spokesman for the Chicago Department of Public Health, said officials do not know if the man had traveled abroad.

Loop buildings lose power

ComEd officials are investigating power outages caused by a malfunctioning power line that feeds power to two buildings in the Loop, officials said Tuesday. The power outages were reported at 1:26 p.m. and affected a building at 70 W. Madison Ave., and 2 N. LaSalle St., said Jeff Burdick, a ComEd spokesman.

Girl's death still a mystery

As a wake was held Tuesday for an 22-month-old girl from Posen who died over the weekend, officials still don't know how she died and autopsy results won't be returned for six weeks. Ivette Palacios was found dead in her family's home Saturday. The Tribune reported that authorities said the girl was likely raped prior to her death. Police said they were looking into a baby-sitter's claims that the girl fell and struck her head while using her bed as a trampoline.

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1 Hearing over chemo

The parents of a Minnesota boy who refused chemotherapy for his cancer told a judge Tuesday they now agree to medical treatment, and a judge ruled their son can stay with them. MCT PHOTO

2 O.J. appeals conviction

O.J. Simpson is appealing to the Nevada Supreme Court to overturn his conviction on Las Vegas armed robbery and kidnapping charges. A court clerk says his appeal was filed Tuesday in Carson City.

3 Detainees back at it

Five percent of Guantanamo Bay detainees have participated in terrorist activities since their release, the Pentagon said Tuesday. An additional 9 percent are believed to have joined—or rejoined—the fight against the U.S. and its allies.

4 Missing from cruise

The Coast Guard searched the Gulf of Mexico by boat and from the air for a second day Tuesday for an 18-year-old from Louisiana who fell overboard during a cruise to celebrate his high school graduation.

5 North Korea still firing

North Korea reportedly tested two more short-range missiles Tuesday, a day after detonating a nuclear bomb underground, pushing the regime further into a confrontation with world powers despite the threat of UN action.

6 'Too bizarre'

Hot topic of the day in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut: Canada's governor general ate a slaughtered seal's raw heart in a show of support to the country's seal hunters, a display that a European Union spokeswoman on Tuesday called "too bizarre to acknowledge."

7 Folks, it's not real!

Americans sent more than $30 million to Jamaica last year to claim winnings in a lottery. The trouble is there was no such contest. Scam artists are making Jamaica a new center for internationally known lottery schemes, officials in Kingston said.

Mike Tyson's daughter dies day after 'tragic accident'

8 PHOENIX The 4-year-old daughter of boxer Mike Tyson died at a hospital Tuesday, a day after her neck apparently got caught in a treadmill cord at her Phoenix home, police said.

Exodus Tyson was pronounced dead just before noon, police Sgt. Andy Hill said. She had been on life support and police have said their investigation showed her injury on Monday was a "tragic accident."

"There are no words to describe the tragic loss of our beloved Exodus," the family said in a statement. "We ask you now to please respect our need at this very difficult time for privacy to grieve and try to help each other heal."

Police said Exodus either slipped or put her head in the loop of a cord hanging under the console. Her 7-year-old brother found her and told their mother. She took Exodus off the cord, called 911 and tried to revive her.

Responding officers and firefighters performed CPR as they took the girl to the hospital.

Former heavyweight champion Tyson was in Las Vegas at the time of the accident and flew Monday to Phoenix, where he was seen entering the hospital.

Tyson spokeswoman Cynthia Schwartz said the family had not arranged a funeral yet.

Strike four

9 MARSEILLE, France Steel workers from the Fos-sur-Mer ArcelorMittal plant join a demonstration Tuesday in southern France. The strike was the fourth in recent months by workers who say the government has not done enough to help people cope with the financial crisis. AP

Stop! Thief! Disguised as a beer carton!

10 LINCOLN, Neb. Police in Nebraska are looking for a man who stole cigarettes while disguising himself as a beer carton.

Lincoln police Capt. Bob Kawamoto says the man walked into a Kwik Shop convenience store before dawn Monday wearing an empty Bud Light box on his head as a mask.

Kawamoto says the man also had wrapped something around one of his hands, suggesting he was armed. But the man never showed a weapon.

Police said the bandit left with nine packs of smokes valued at nearly $50.

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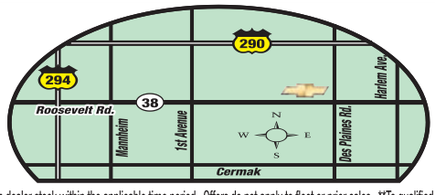

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This is a must-win for the Hawks. That's easy to say because if they lose, they're out. Still, they must win—or at least cover the spread. **WHIZZER**

Famous faceoffs

Blackhawks and Red Wings continue tradition of heated Chicago-Detroit sports rivalries

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The UnbeataBulls vs. the Bad Boys. The Grinders vs. the Tigers. Hawkeytown vs. Hockeytown.

Chicago and Detroit have produced memorable sports rivalries through the years, and this season's Blackhawks-Red Wings series is sure to add to the list.

Here are a few of the iconic moments of the Chicago-Detroit rivalry.

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Martin Havlat (right) tangles with Detroit's Johan Franzen during Game 4 on Sunday. **GETTY IMAGES**

Hockeytown vs. Hawkeytown

Some might say the Detroit-Chiacgo rivalry in hockey is one-sided—and there's some truth to that. The Red Wings have won four Stanley Cups since 1997; the Blackhawks have won one since 1961.

In 1995, the two teams tangled in a hard-fought series that in hindsight played out a lot like the current Blackhawks-Red Wings series. Detroit won the series 4-1, but the five games featured three overtime games, and the Red Wings outscored the Hawks by just one, 13-12.

"This is a devastating loss," Joe Murphy said. "We wanted to win the Stanley Cup. It's hard."

Joe Murphy jumps over teammate Tony Amonte and Detroit's Steve Yzerman during a game in their 1995 playoff series. **AP FILE**

Bad Boys, Bad Boys ...

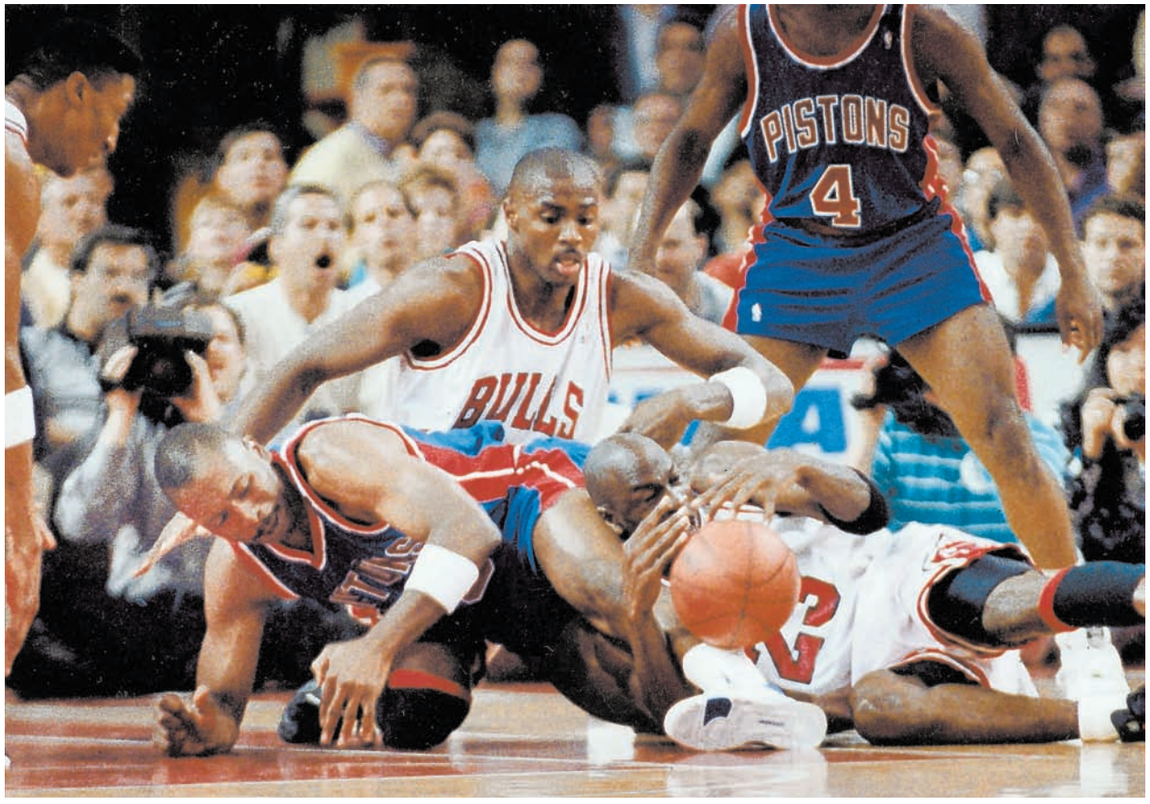
Before Michael Jordan added six championship rings to his jewelry collection, he and his Bulls teammates were knocked around (literally) by the Detroit Pistons. The Bad Boys eliminated the Bulls from the playoffs during the 1988, 1989 and 1990 seasons, with a combined series record of 12-6.

In 1991, however, that all changed.

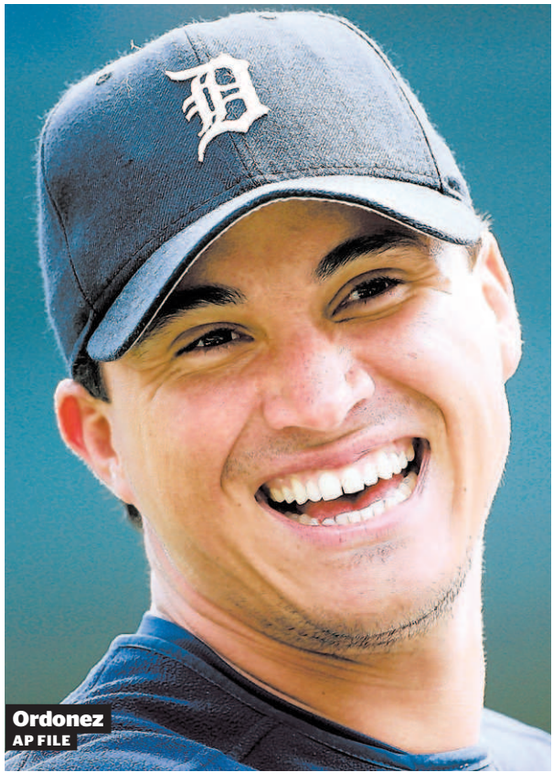
Jordan and Co. swept the Pistons in the Eastern Conference finals, finally delivering a knockout punch to the likes of Bill Laimbeer, Dennis Rodman and Isiah Thomas.

The clinching Game 4 on the Pistons' home court featured John Paxson going face-to-face with Laimbeer after being pushed into the stands and Rodman shoving Scottie Pippen into the first row.

The Bulls went on to sweep the L.A. Lakers in their first NBA finals appearance.



Michael Jordan battles for the ball during the 1991 series when the Bulls toppled the Pistons. TRIBUNE FILE



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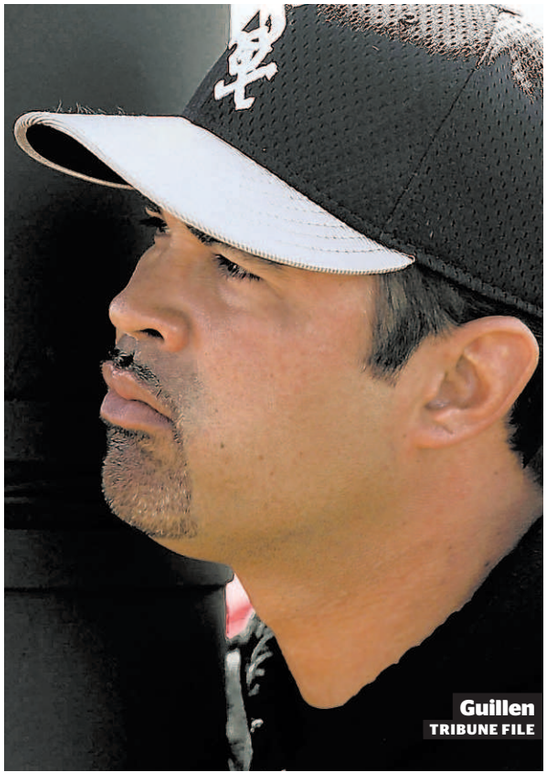

Guillen
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Ozzie rocks

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen and former Sox player-turned-Detroit Tigers player Magglio Ordonez kicked off the 2005 season with a war of [bleeped] words.

Ordonez played for and briefly with Guillen during his time with the Sox from 1997-2004. After he left the Sox, Ordonez traded barbs with Guillen until a full-scale four-alarm beef in April 2005.

"We never clicked, even when we played together," Ordonez said. "I don't consider him my friend. I have nothing to say. I don't want to see him or talk to him. He's my enemy."

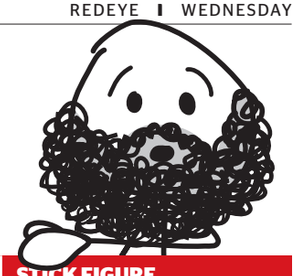
Guillen's eloquent response?

"He's a piece of [bleep]. He's a [bleep], that's what he is. He's another Venezuelan [bleep]. [Bleep] him. He has an enemy. Now he has a big one. He knows I can [bleep] him a lot of different ways. He better shut the [bleep] up and play for the Detroit Tigers."

The Sox got the last laugh, of course, when they won the World Series in October.

D-Troit, y'all

See Jen Patterson on Comcast SportsNet's "Monsters in the Morning" from 6 to 9 a.m. weekdays.



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1 "Detroit sucks" is so elementary. Come up with a better anti-Red Wings slogan.	"They are who we thought they were."	"Red Wings suck!"	No way. Homeland Security has warned me about Red Wing extremism.	"The Red Wings are hurting worse than the local Chrysler dealership."	"Your playoff beards are so scary/I just wish mine weren't so hairy."
2 What is the most memorable Chicago-Detroit faceoff in sports?	The '91 conference finals when the Bulls swept the Pistons.	When Isiah and the other losers refused to shake hands.	Disco Demolition Night: Chicago was on fire, Detroit showed good Hustle.	How can Jordan and Co. vs. the Bad Boys be topped?	"The Bob Newhart Show" vs. "Martin." Watching TV is a sport in my house.
3 What would be your advice to Milton Bradley?	Take a look in the mirror—and quit blaming everyone else.	Give back the money, leave town, pretend this never happened.	Careful, Milton. Whistle-blowers can cause termination, suspension or Enron.	You know that great game you had on Memorial Day? Do that again. Like every day.	Talk softly (or not at all) but carry a big stick (that means a "bat," silly).
4 Why are the Angels named after two cities: L.A. and Anaheim?	Who knows? Soon it will be the San Francisco A's of Oakland.	They were trying to be like New York, N.Y., but got confused.	Angels are God's assistants, and L.A. needs a lot of God's assistance.	Southern Californians are infamous for being flaky and indecisive. Pick one already!	Because California is so heavenly. Don't you watch "The Hills"?
5 The first-place Fire face first-place Chivas USA on Thursday. What's your prediction?	Jimmy will streak down the field with his face painted red.	Nobody will care in the first place.	L.A. versus Fire never turns out well for L.A.	Considering I just found out Chivas USA was a sports team TODAY, I'll say the Fire wins.	I'll go with 3. I hate math questions.

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No-star team

Just like in the NL Central standings, the Cubs are looking up at the Brewers and the Cardinals in NL All-Star voting results released Tuesday. The highest-ranking Cub is Alfonso Soriano, who is about 60,000 votes behind outfield leader Ryan Braun of the Brewers. The Cardinals' Albert Pujols is the overall vote leader with 842,058. Never fear, Cubs fans, we have some categories that the 2009 Cubs can dominate.

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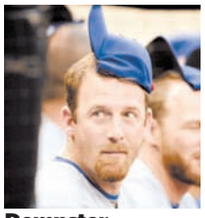
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Jose, can you see?

South Korean super heavyweight Hong Man Choi delivers a punch to Jose Canseco's head Tuesday during the Dream 9 mixed martial arts event in Yokohama, Japan. Canseco lasted just 1 minute, 17 seconds against the 7-foot-2 Choi. AP

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I want to take a moment to congratulate the Blackhawks. Win or lose tonight, you guys have brought hockey back to this town. Kudos to you. Now, go out and kick some Detroit butt. Please. Here now, my TV picks.

MLB
Cubs vs. Pittsburgh
1:20 p.m. WGN

Leave it to the Cubs to make the Pirates look like a semi-pro team.

MLB
White Sox at L.A. Angels
9:05 p.m. CSN

I hear L.A. is beautiful this time of year. I also hear voices in my head. Scary.

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» Mayor Daley on Tuesday defended his administration's attempt to levy amusement taxes on secondhand purchases of licenses that guarantee the right to buy Bears tickets. "They're flipping" the PSLs, Daley said. "That's all they're doing. So we caught them."

CUBS 6, PIRATES 1
Lou Piniella said there has been no decision made on what to do about left-hander Neal Cotts, who is out of options and can't be demoted without clearing waivers.

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» Sox outfielder Carlos Quentin is being sent back to Chicago for tests on his left foot, manager Ozzie Guillen said Tuesday.

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Foam, sweet foam

Old Town's new spot for tapas and sangria is trying hard—maybe too hard—to get the party started

Eivissa
BARRY BRECHEISEN FOR METROMIX

By M. Kathleen Pratt

"More foam?" asks the server hovering over my glass of sangria, wielding a chilled stainless steel canister and poised to pull the trigger.

"Oh, sure. Why not?" I reply, resisting the urge to crack any of the half-dozen or so jokes that pop into my head.

first look

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I'm trying—really trying—to embrace everything about Eivissa, a week-old tapas and sangria spot in the heart of Old Town. And that includes ordering an "Eivissa foam party," a frothy white topper applied tableside to any of the bar's cocktails or six varieties of sangria (glass $6, pitcher $18).

Eivissa is Catalan for Ibiza, the Balearic island where party people flock for round-the-clock clubbing and seaside recovery, and the restaurant is trying hard to capture some of the excitement associated with the legendary scene. Which partly explains the tableside foam-party-in-a-can. Also, as our server repeatedly reminded us, it's "molecular gastronomy."

Executive chef Dudley Nieto prefers to avoid that term, which too often brings to mind images of liquid nitrogen-happy mad scientist types, opting instead to say he's putting a contemporary spin on traditional Spanish fare. Indeed, his description is more on point than the one our server pushes yet again before quickly darting off with his canister as if looking for a fire to extinguish. Nieto is really just reinterpreting traditional Spanish flavors, adding new textures here and there with the help of modern techniques.

Some of Nieto's inspirations are obvious. Spain, of course, is home to El Bulli, the most influential house of molecular gastronomy in the world. Others are less so. Nieto, who's better known in Chicago for his work at Mexican restaurants such as Adobo Grill, Zapatista and Zocalo, owes his interest in Spanish cuisine to his father, a passionate cook who hailed from Spain.

Nieto's menu at Eivissa, an attractive but unpretentious restaurant with dining rooms on two floors and a bumpin' front bar area that churns out potent cocktails (with or without foam) to a soundtrack that might as well be "Cafe del Mar Vol. 17," provides a welcome departure from the bacon-wrapped dates and baked goat cheese you'll find at most tapas spots. It begins with a fine selection of Spanish cheeses ($11 for three portions) and cured meats. Then there are *chupitos*, or liquid tapas, followed by pintxos (Basque-style tapas, served on toasted bread), more tapas, about 10 entrees (most also available in tapas-sized portions) and five kinds of paella.

Foam-topped sangria

The *chupitos* ($4-$5), narrow shot glasses filled with a single skewered bite of meat or seafood meant to be eaten before you sip the accompanying liquid, showcase Eivissa's experimental side at its best. A morsel of roasted pork in cucumber-pineapple juice-guindilla pepper puree was one of the best bites we sampled, while a solitary shrimp dunked in tart gazpacho easily trumped some of the more traditional seafood dishes, including *pulpo a la planxa* and *gambas al ajillo* tapas (both $8 and both suffocating under too much paprika).

But for the most part, the *chupitos* are the experimental highlight. Elsewhere, foams and gelees feel clumsy—at best distracting, at worst detracting. The flavors make perfect sense: Idiazabal cheese "air" atop a mushroom ragout (pintxo $5), quince "ravioli" with herb-marinated rack of lamb (tapa $8, entree $19), and so on. But "air" can't offset a lack of seasoning like real cheese. And the quince raviolo, a small translucent globe, was downright confusing, an incongruous flourish that only drew attention from the fragrant lamb and rustic mushroom medley. The biggest head-scratcher was a crab-stuffed piquillo pepper (tapa $8) resting on a lobster "lake" (really a disc of lobster bisque), a dish that might have worked wonderfully—if only the "lake" hadn't intentionally been frozen solid.

We've got to hand it to Eivissa for breaking the tapas mold. But once you've broken something, you need to know when to stop stretching. Case in point? The house sangria, infused with fragrant cinnamon and vanilla bean. Unique and perfectly balanced, it brings the party like none other—no foam needed.

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best bets

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Blackhawks party

Stretch Run, 544 N. LaSalle St. 312-644-4477.
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Bags tournament

Captain Morgan Club, 1060 W. Addison St. 773-404-4750.
Compete in a bracket-style tourney on the patio for a chance to win Cubs tickets and a spot in the finals at the end of baseball season. 7 p.m. $10 per team/week. Register by 5 p.m.: **playerssports.net/cornhole** or at the door, space permitting.

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Happy Hour Cocktail Class

Nacional 27, 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727.
Learn how to mix batidas and mojitos with fresh organic strawberries and rhubarb. Includes cocktails and appetizers. 5:30 p.m. $15.

Sip, See and Be Seen

N9NE Steakhouse, 440 W. Randolph St.
The Associate Board of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago hosts its first benefit of '09. Includes an open bar and appetizers. $35-$40. Tickets: **tinyurl.com/iwsn9ne**

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Split Pillow Premiere Party

FREE

Quiet Storm Productions, 321 S. Jefferson St. 2nd Floor
Meet the filmmakers behind the production company's new documentary, "Chicago360 v.4: Play," a series of shorts about locals' antics after the work day's done. With The Chicago Spirit Brigade and DJ John Pappas. 6 p.m. Contact: **splitpillow.com**

Tokyo Disco

NV Penthouse Lounge, 116 W. Hubbard St. 312-329-9960.
Party production outfit Funky Couture turns 3 with a Japanese-themed throw down. An early reception (8-9 p.m.) includes champagne, vodka and sushi. $20; $10 before 11 p.m. with RSVP: **rsvp@funkycouture.net**

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Q: What is your favorite beer?
A: MILLER LITE. It is just so refreshing and easy to drink. If given the choice, I would choose triple hops-brewed Miller Lite any day!

Q: What is your favorite piece of clothing to wear?
A: My bathing suit because that means the weather is nice and I am at the beach with my friends!

Q: What is your favorite thing about Chicago?
A: The start of Spring and Summer. Everyone comes out of their holes, the trees and flowers start to bloom and it puts me in a good mood! I feel like I can get anything done!

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FOODLIFE
5 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: $10 three-course dinner; 835 N. Michigan Ave. 312-335-3663.

GIOCO
Wed.-Fri.: $14.95 three-course lunch; 11:30 a.m. Sat.: Regions of Italy cooking class. Executive chef Danny Sweis demonstrates techniques for preparing dishes from Emilia-Romagna and Po Valley, including prosciutto di Parma, balsamico antipasto and tagliatelle with Bolognese sauce. Includes samples, wine and recipes. $30. RSVP required; 1312 S. Wabash Ave. 312-939-3870.

HB HOME BISTRO
Wed.: $29 three-course dinner; 3404 N. Halsted St. 773-661-0299.

JOEY'S BRICKHOUSE
Wed.: $3 drafts, $15 surf and turf; Thu.: $5 martinis; Sat.: $12 all-you-can-eat tapas brunch (10 a.m.-2 p.m.), $2 mimosas, $15 bottles of wine; Sun.: $15 bottles of wine; 1258 W. Belmont Ave. 773-296-1300.

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KLAY OVEN
Wed.-Sun.: $40 prix-fixe dinner for two; 414 N. Orleans St. 312-527-3999.

LA TACHE
Wed.: Half-price martinis; Thu.: $10 burger with a beer; Fri.: $16.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry with frites; 1475 W. Balmoral Ave. 773-334-7168.

LE PETIT PARIS
Wed.: $27 three-course dinner; Thu.: half-price bottles of wine; 260 E. Chestnut St. 312-787-8260.

LOCKWOOD RESTAURANT
Wed.-Sun.: $38 three-course dinner; 17 E. Monroe St. Palmer House Hilton, lobby level. 312-917-3404.

THE MELTING POT
5 p.m. Wed.: Goose Island Beer Dinner. Four-course fondue dinner including Goose Island beer pairings. On the menu: beer-based cheese fondue, salad with beer-based dressing, assorted meats with beer-inspired marinades, dark chocolate with beer-caramel sauce. $35; 6-8:30 p.m. Thu.: $18 three-course meal for women; 6-10 p.m. Fri.-Sat.: Complimentary wine tasting, live music (8:30 p.m.); 609 N. Dearborn St. 312-573-0011.

MIZU YAKITORI AND SUSHI LOUNGE
5 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: $12 beer-and-yakitori dinner; 315 W. North Ave. 312-951-8883.

MK
Wed.: Wine on Wednesdays. $25 for three glasses of wine and three menu tastes; 868 N. Franklin St. 312-482-9179.

NIA MEDITERRANEAN
5-7 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: $25 three-course menu; 803 W. Randolph St. 312-226-3110.

PETTERINO'S
7 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: $19.95 three-course dinner; 150 N. Dearborn St. 312-422-0150.

QUARTINO
7 p.m. Wed.: Monthly wine tasting. Sample five Italian wines. Includes pizzas and gourmet snacks. Take home a featured bottle for $10. $20; 626 N. State St. 312-698-5000.

ROPA RESTAURANT & WINE BAR
Wed.: $4 martinis; Wed.-Sun.: $17.95 prix-fixe three-course menu; Thu.: $4 glasses of wine; Sun.: $2 bottled beers; 1146 W. Pratt Blvd. 773-508-0002.

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Wed.: Half-price bottles of wine; Thu.: Half-price specialty cocktails; 2515 N. California Ave. 773-235-0002.

SOLA
Wed.: $30 three-course menu; Thu., Sun.: $6-$10 featured beers, $7 bacon-infused dishes (5:30 p.m.), $18 Kobe beef burgers (5:30 p.m.); 3868 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-327-3868.

SWEETS & SAVORIES
Wed.: $10 Kobe burgers; Wed.-Sun.: $29 three-course meal and no corkage fee for BYOB; 1534 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-281-6778.

VIET BISTRO
Wed.-Fri.: $1.75 PBR bottles, buy two appetizers get one free; 12-3 p.m. Fri.-Sun.: all lunch dishes $7.50, buy one entree get one half-price; 1346 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-5720.

Tequila, whiskey, beer

TEQUILA TASTING
Sip, don't shoot, at Adobo Grill's Siete Leguas Tequila Tasting Dinner, which features a four-course menu with tequila pairings. $43. 6:30 p.m. Thursday. 1610 N. Wells St. 312-266-8405.

BREWMASTER'S DINNER
Goose Island brewmaster Greg Hall talks brewing techniques and beer-related travels at this Osteria Via Stato dinner, where chef David DiGregorio serves five courses paired with Goose Island brews. Dishes include Summertime Ale-battered crispy asparagus, Honker's Ale beer cheese soup and Matilda-braised pork shank with white beans and kale. Standing reception with antipasti and Summertime Ale drafts begins at 6:30 p.m.; seated family-style dinner begins at 7 p.m. $35. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. 620 N. State St. 312-642-8450.

WHISKEY WEDNESDAY
Get your rye on at casual Lakeview spot Deleece Grill Pub, where Whiskey Wednesday means $4 Maker's Mark shots, half-price whiskey flights and $5 pulled pork sandwiches with fries to keep things from getting out of hand. 3313 N. Clark St. 773-348-3313.

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Random Acts of Greatness

5 things we're loving this week

Perennial
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1 The fresh, delicious **smoked salmon and potato tart** ($11) at inviting Lincoln Park spot **Perennial** (1800 N. Lincoln Ave.). It's a great brunch pick—and an even better one if you can snag a table on the patio.

2 Chicago-based author Gillian Flynn's second release, "**Dark Places**," a thrilling murder mystery set in small-town Kansas that had us at first snarl. (We may or may not have devoured the 345-page book in one day. Be warned.) Pick up a copy ($24) at **The Book Cellar**, 4736-38 N. Lincoln Ave.

3 We're still craving the creamy, house-made **gelati** ($3.99-$4.99) at **Ristorante Al Teatro** (1227 W. 18th St.). Twenty-plus flavors range from tiramisu and amaretto to fresh peach and coconut. Perfect for carryout on a hot day.

4 The **sneaky pinboys** setting up the old-fashioned alleys at **Southport Lanes** (3325 N. Southport Ave.). Tip 'em a few bucks tucked into the hole of your bowling ball, and they'll make sure you get a strike on your next turn.

5 **Sweet potato fries** ($4.50) at Lakeview burger haven **The Counter** (666 W. Diversey Pkwy.). Yes, they're on the pricey side (and meant to be shared), but totally worth it.

READER RAVE!

"The **fried chicken** ($16.95) on Monday nights at **West Town Tavern** (1329 W. Chicago Ave.). [It] melts in your mouth and ... comes with great garlic mashed potatoes and a biscuit with mushroom gravy."

—MATT AMSTUTZ, UKRAINIAN VILLAGE

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Wednesday deals

ABERDEEN
35 cent wings, $3 house cocktails, $15 Heineken and Amstel Light buckets; 1856 W. North Ave. 773-772-5500.

AVILA
6 p.m.: Latin Quarter. Take free salsa lessons (6:30-7:30 p.m.) and snack on free appetizers on the third floor. Salsa, merengue and bachata music continues all night. No cover before 10 p.m., $10 after; 203 W. Superior St. 312-787-8720.

THE BEER BISTRO
$4 draft of the month; 1061 W. Madison St. 312-433-0013.

BROWNSTONE TAVERN & GRILL
$5 all-you-can-eat jumbo wings, $5 23-ounce drafts; 3937 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-528-3700.

C-VIEW
4 p.m.: Bacardi High Notes. Listen to DJ sets and order a mojito ($10) from the Bacardi mojito bar set up on the terrace; 166 E. Superior St. Affinia Chicago Hotel. 312-523-0923.

COOBAH
Half-price bottles of wine, Bossa Saravah plays bossa nova 7:30-11 p.m.; 3423 N. Southport Ave. 773-528-2220.

DELILAH'S
$2 PBR longnecks and Old Crow shots, DJs spin 9 p.m.; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

FIVE STAR BAR
23 cent jumbo wings, $2.50 Tecate cans; 1424 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2555.

FULTON LOUNGE
Market Days. $6 select cocktails; 955 W. Fulton Market. 312-942-9500.

GALWAY ARMS
Half-price bottles of wine with entree purchase; 2442 N. Clark St. 773-472-5555.

GANNON'S PUB
$3.75 drafts, $3.75 glasses of wine, $3.75 for a pound of chicken wings; 4264 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-1007.

GIO'S
$3.50 Guinness Imperial pints, $4 super nachos; 4857 N. Damen Ave. 773-334-0345.

GLASCOTT'S
$3.50 Guinness, Harp, Bass and Smithwick's pints; 2158 N. Halsted St. 773-281-1205.

GRAND RIVER
Girl's Night Out. $5 wraps, $5 glasses of wine, $4 Blue Moon drafts; 3032 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-9900.

HAMILTON'S PUB
$7.50 lunch specials (11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.), 25 cent wings, $3 Smirnoff and Bacardi cocktails, $3 24-ounce Bud and Bud Light drafts; 6341 N. Broadway. 773-764-8133.

HIGH DIVE
$1 mini-cheeseburgers, $2.50 Bud Light bottles, $4 Dewar's cocktails, $2.50 PBR bottles, $3.50 beer-of-the-month pints; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

J BAR
Wii Wednesdays. Free appetizers (6-8 p.m.), $2 mini-steak burgers, $3 beers, $5 Effen cocktails; 610 N. Rush St. 312-660-7200.

JOE'S
5 p.m.: Doggy Happy Hour. Have drinks with your pooch on the patio. Each week, a different vendor, shelter, boutique or other dog-related group attends. Drink specials include $5 vodka lemonades and $5 Coors Light pitchers, plus water bowls for dogs. No cover; 940 W. Weed St. 312-337-3486.

KROLL'S SOUTH LOOP
$3 Captain Morgan cocktails, $3 Heineken, Heineken Light and Amstel Light bottles, $5 select glasses of wine, half-price bottles of wine, $4 Captain Morgan 100 cocktails; 1736 S. Michigan Ave. 312-235-1400.

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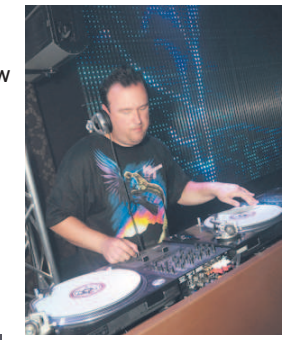

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$3.50 Bud Light bottles, $5 bombs, karaoke 9 p.m.; 1339 N. Wells St. 312-266-6789.

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Half-price burgers and wings, $3 Bud bottles, $5 Bacardi O bombs; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

RISQUE CAFE
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SOIREE
$5 martinis, half-price appetizers; 2438 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-8880.

SONOTHEQUE
9 p.m.: Rebirth. DJs Joe Bryl and Eric Williams spin. Features an African music performance from Ethnic Heritage Ensemble. $10; 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600.

SUBTERRANEAN
9 p.m.: Procession. DJs Beazuberin, Tiger Lily, Michael No-wave and Joshua spin post-punk, synthpop, industrial and indie 10 p.m., $2 PBR cans, $4 Three Olives cocktails. No cover; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

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$3 drafts and pineapple vodka shots, $4 burgers. No cover; 3857 N. Southport Ave. 773-935-1919.

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$5 glasses of wine, $7 double pints, $12 all-you-can-eat ribs (until 9 p.m.); 5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000.

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$3 Old Style bottles, $5 martinis; 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

WILD PUG
9 p.m.: Live Game Show. A night of comedy, improv and audience interaction features actors impersonating celebrities as they compete in a satire of '70s and '80s game shows. $5; 4810 N. Broadway. 773-784-4811.

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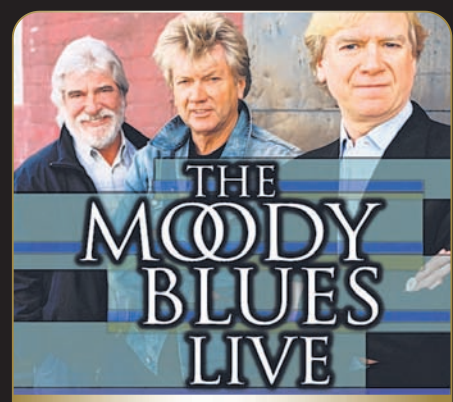

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TOP 5 PICKS FOR THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

1 Nine Inch Nails, Street Sweeper Social Club
8 p.m. Fri. at Northerly Island's Charter One Pavilion
A great night of noise.

2 Unwigged and Unplugged
8 p.m. Sat. at Chicago Theatre
This is Spinal Tap. Literally.

3 The Felice Brothers
9 p.m. Fri. at Bottom Lounge
Folk outfit plays from new "Yonder is the Clock."

4 Fischer spooner
8 p.m. Sat. at Metro
Dance fiends turn live show into theatrical mayhem.

5 Viva Voce
8 p.m. Fri. at Empty Bottle
Pick up these moody rockers' just-released "Rose City."

Damn the man

Third Eye Blind is back—and doing things its own way

Stephan Jenkins (left) and Third Eye Blind

By Kirk Miller

Third Eye Blind has not released a full-length album since 2003's "Out of the Vein." Yet over the last few years, the California group has nonetheless maintained and expanded its popularity, a difficult task at a time when even the buzzworthiest bands run the risk of being quickly forgotten.

The rockers' new fan base is one that—based on recent concerts—is younger, a little more underground and eager to scream along to new songs, without demanding to hear late '90s anthems such as "Semi-Charmed Life" and "Graduate." Third Eye Blind will release its new record, "Ursa Major," Aug. 18.

We caught up with frontman Stephan Jenkins at South by Southwest in Austin, Texas. For a guy who's toured with U2, dated Charlize Theron and released multi-platinum records, Jenkins seems surprisingly down-to-earth and at peace with his band's unintended reinvention.

A lot of new punk and emo bands such as Panic at the Disco have started citing you as an influence. Surprised?

I've read about ... the Arctic Monkeys and Liz Phair citing us, and since I was already listening to them, that was great. I remember once Billy Corgan was on TV and somebody asked him about his favorite band, and he said, "Third Eye Blind!" I was like, "That means he'll totally talk to me on the phone!" I figured out how to get his number, so I called him and said, "I'm really glad you like us, because I think we're ripping you off!" He was very cool.

What's the deal with how you're releasing this record?

The mechanics of a record label don't exist anymore. It's like discussing mules when everyone's moved on to a tractor. I have my own label now. What that means, I'm not sure, but I do know I don't have to ask permission. That's really about it. I can choose how it gets marketed, the publicist, all that. It's not all this, you go in and stand before The Man and say, "Can I do this?"

Is this harder to do on your own?

I love it. You know what? In the music business now, there's not going to be a few mega-trillionaires, but there will be a lot more people making a living in music. And besides, I've never been a person who did well fitting into a defined groove. Mrs. Wong, my 2nd-grade teacher, made it very clear: "You don't belong here, Stephan, in this institution." I gravitate much more toward some kind of well-meaning anarchy.

Third Eye Blind

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave.
Tickets: $31.50, 800-745-3000

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Phoenix

NEW ALBUM ON SALE

Phoenix
"Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix"
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Another geographically deceptive band (Phoenix is from Paris), this dance-pop outfit manages the nifty trick of sounding frisky without getting silly and vulnerable without getting too soft. The back-to-back bounce of "1901" and "Fences" are like the tune you'd listen to when pumped up for a date you think will go well, and the not-quite-as-glowing song you'd listen to on the way home while thinking about it. The back half of the album doesn't deliver pleasures as invigorating as these or even the Tokyo Police Club-esque opener "Lisztomania." But there are moments of pop bliss: bittersweet, hopeful and most importantly, fun. **MATT PAIS**

Mrs. Wong had a big effect on you, huh?
Mrs. Wong was gorgeous, and an absolutely horrible teacher. She meant well. But she was so damaging and scarring on my life. *[Laughs]*

What's the story behind your new song, "Why Can't You Be"?
It's an argument with a longtime ex-girlfriend. You know how some relationships never end? We were having some sort of argument, and I said something about being her first love, and she's like, "No, Stephan, my first love was a multiple-speed adjustable showerhead."

One early newspaper article I read about you guys, before you were signed, said you used to perform with a pinata on stage.
When we started, we did a record showcase for record companies, and it was pretty clear we were going to get a deal. But so many people didn't get it at all. Our music is a little weird. It's not linear. We were getting tired of doing these [showcases], so we decided we had to make it a little more rock 'n' roll. So for one of the showcases, we got a pinata, stuffed it full of crickets from a bait shop, and then smashed it during one song and released them all.

Did they sign you?
No, it cleared the room. Actually, we've done worse. When we played the American Music Awards years ago, we did "Graduate." And the chorus is, "Can I graduate?" We're warming up backstage, and my bass player is singing, "Can I masturbate?" We're all like, *["Beavis and Butt-Head" laugh]* "Huh, huh, that's funny." And then I just started using that lyric during the telecast, and smashing these Chinese lanterns hanging around the stage in time to the music. The network was kind of furious at us. But we've always been like that.

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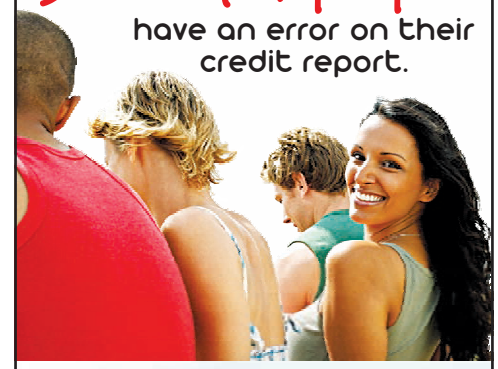
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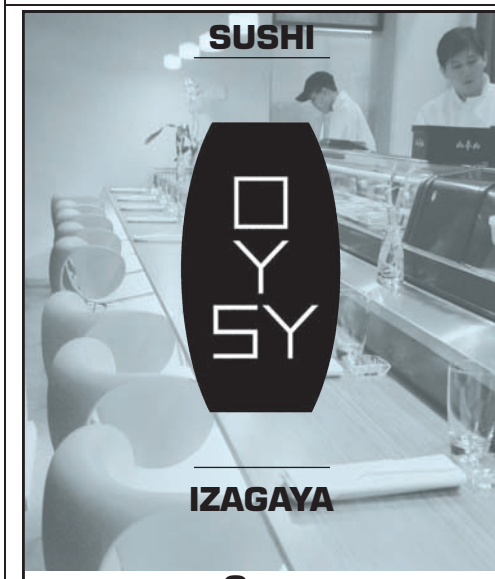

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Rebirth Brass Band, Mas Trueno, Friday, July 31 ($17, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Slink Moss, The Different Tongues, Saturday, June 6 ($10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

On sale 9 a.m. Friday

Susan Cowsill, Sunday, July 19 ($12-$15, 21+) at FitzGerald's.

Ruthie Foster, Saturday, Aug. 22 ($16-$20, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Little Feat, Friday, Aug. 28 ($36-$40, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Michael McDermott, Friday, July 31 ($14-$18, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Sons of the Never Wrong, Friday, Aug. 21 ($21-$25, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Dar Williams, Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, Sunday, Aug. 23 ($24-$28, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

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Arc Angels, Saturday, Aug. 1 ($25.50-$27.50, 17+) at House of Blues.

CKY, Graveyard, ASG, Wednesday, Aug. 5 ($18-$21, 17+) at House of Blues.

Albert Cummings, Friday, Aug. 14 ($13, 21+) at House of Blues Back Porch Stage.

The Script, Sunday, Aug. 9 ($12-$15, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Thin Lizzy, Thursday, July 16 ($26.50-$30, 21+) at House of Blues.

On sale noon Friday

Baby Teeth, Saturday, Aug. 1 ($10, 18+) at Schubas.

Casiokids, Tuesday, Aug. 4 ($10-$12, 18+) at Schubas.

The Charlatans UK, Hatchman Social, Sunday, Sept. 20 ($20, 21+) at Double Door.

Rob Dickinson, Sunday, June 21 ($14, 21+) at Schubas.

Electric Touch, Jonny Rumble, Sunday, July 26 ($8-$10, 18+) at Schubas.

The Features, Friday, July 10 ($12, 21+) at Schubas.

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Tori Amos, Monday, Aug. 3 ($39.50-$59.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

The Cult, Wednesday, Sept. 2 ($36-$38, 17+) at House of Blues.

Trevor Hall, Thursday, Aug. 6 ($13-$15, all ages) at Beat Kitchen.

Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, Jimmy Wayne, Friday, Aug. 7 ($29.25-$57.75; 4 lawn tickets for $75 while supplies last, all ages) at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

Ratt, Extreme, Friday, July 24 ($35-$37, 17+) at House of Blues.

Xavier Rudd, Tuesday, Aug. 11 ($22.50-$25, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

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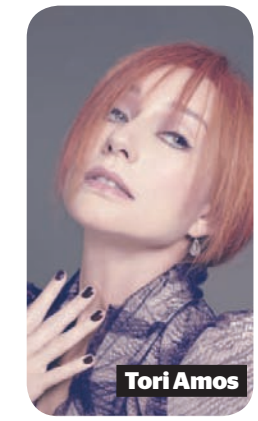
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Stellar Road, Saturday, July 25 ($20, all ages) at Park West.

Keller Williams, Saturday, Oct. 17 ($23, 18+) at Park West.

On sale noon Saturday

The Well, Weber Band, Chris Buehrle Band, Boho Paisley, Dead Stock Audio, Saturday, Aug. 29 ($10-$12, 21+) at Double Door.

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Dayhota, Sista Stroke, Roque, Saturday, July 11 (free-$10, 21+) at Smart Bar.

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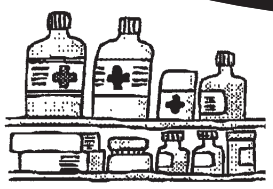

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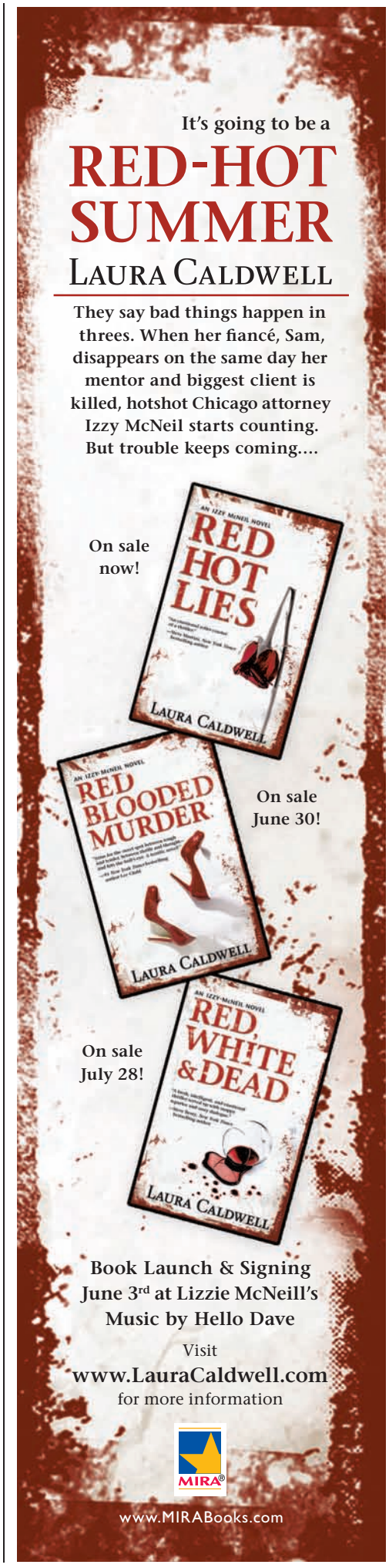

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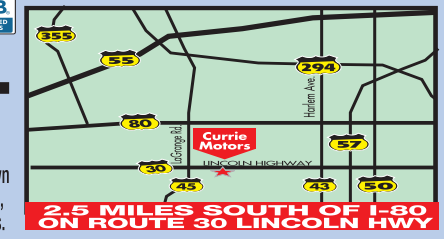

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With all the cold and rain in Chicago, who is thinking about bikini season? But it will be here soon, and you need to get ready for the big reveal. Eight experts share their last-minute tips to inspire bikini body confidence. ASSOCIATED PRESS

DO THE PLANK

Trade in crunches for plank holds. Crunches work the rectus abdominus but planks target the internal obliques, external obliques and transverse abdominus to give you a leaner look by helping with your posture. To do a plank, balance on the floor on your forearms and toes, forming a straight line from head to heels and hold for 30 seconds.
—MARY CHRIST ANDERSON, FITNESS DIRECTOR OF FITNESS MAGAZINE

ACCESSORIZE

Try a great pair of earrings, an anklet or belly ring, cool sunglasses, lovely flip-flops. Bring a glamorous cover-up. If you need color, use a self-tanner, which will make you feel more confident. Get a mani and pedi. "Your toes and fingers can really help carry off an elegant look."
—RED CARTER, DESIGNER

EAT FRUITS AND VEGGIES

High-water, high-potassium fruits and vegetables help regulate the body's water balance to reduce bloating and prevent dehydration. Since vegetables are only 20 calories a serving, cut back on whole grains and lean proteins and use veggies to fill up.
—DAWN JACKSON BLATNER, REGISTERED DIETITIAN AND AUTHOR OF "THE FLEXITARIAN DIET"

MAKE THE SUIT FIT

You should not get bulging from the straps or material and the bottom should not be baggy. The bottom should contour with your rear without pinching or sagging. With the top, always tie the bottom strap first as tight as possible—without losing circulation—and then do the top around your neck. This will lift the bust up.
—DANNA POMEROY OF FIJITIMESWIM.COM

TRY INTERVALS

Fire up the metabolism with an interval-based cardio program. Do this simple routine three days this week: 1 minute max effort, followed by two minutes at an easy pace. Repeat five times. You can run, bike or use a cardio machine. To prevent bloating, keep sodium in check and watch the gas-producing foods and carbonated beverages.
—JEN ATOR, WOMEN'S HEALTH ASSISTANT FITNESS EDITOR

ACCEPT YOURSELF

Stand in front of the mirror with your bathing suit on. Focus on the features you like. Then focus on what you will do in the suit—swim, lay on the beach. "The more you focus on what you will do, rather than how you look, the more you'll enjoy yourself and the better your body image will be."
—STACEY ROSENFELD, NEW YORK CITY-BASED PSYCHOLOGIST

GET ON TRACK

Start exercising and eating right today for a 2-pound weight loss in one week. You will feel more confident and energized. Do a mix of cardio and strength training; follow a 1,600- to 1,800-calorie-a-day menu. For motivation, put up images of healthy, happy women with strong, sculpted bodies you admire.
—MEAGHAN B. MURPHY, SELF'S FITNESS DIRECTOR

GIVE IN

Rather than focus on what size you were last year or thought you would be this year, find a suit that fits the body you have now. "Knowing and understanding the size and shape of your body, and deciding how you want to dress it, can be an empowering moment. After all, size is just a number."
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TV ON DVD

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On a routine expedition, ranger Rick Marshall and his kids, Will and Holly, meet the greatest earthquake ever known ... and end up in the "Land of the Lost." The upcoming Will Ferrell movie adaptation of this 1970s kids show—which I watched every Saturday morning after rushing to get chores done—doesn't resemble the original at all. The dinosaurs are toys in the series, the special effects are primitive and the Sleestak suits are zip-ups. But it's corny fun, and comes in the coolest lunchbox ever! **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

FASHION

Tracy Reese for Keds White Fringe

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The classic Keds you sported as a kid have been updated by designer Tracy Reese. This pair from the new line has a Bohemian feel with its beads and fringe, but stays stylish. And don't those stripes remind you of another childhood fave—zebra stripe gum? Either way, they're definitely cool enough to wear as you strut down Chicago streets. **JOANNA GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE**

TV

'The Goode Family'

8 p.m. Wednesday, ABC

Mike Judge skewered red state values in his Fox animated comedy "King of the Hill." Consider his new series the reverse: He's mocking blue state values. Gerald Goode (voiced by Judge) and wife Helen (Nancy Carell, Steve's wife) try to be PC, but don't always manage. They ask themselves WWAGD—What Would Al Gore Do? "King" was much more subtle and character-driven. If Judge can pull that off here, this should be a great summer diversion. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

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TRIBUNE FILE

Test-drive your wine

This past weekend, I caught an old episode of HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" with Larry David, who co-created and produced "Seinfeld." If you've never seen the show, it's an improvised sitcom based on a fictionalized version of David's life in which he plays himself. His character is known for being blatantly insensitive, socially awkward and brutally honest—which often lead to moments that are both uncomfortable and laugh-out-loud hilarious.

The episode I watched begins in a restaurant with David and his wife having dinner with another couple who have just ordered a bottle of wine. The waiter brings the wine to the table, opens it and pours a taste for the other guy to inspect. David rolls his eyes as he observes his fellow diner go through the ritual of approving the wine, which involves a great deal of swirling, sniffing and gargling. He is clearly amused and baffled as he compares the man to an elephant sticking his nose into a pond.

I found the scene hilarious, but if I were dining with David, I would explain to him the reason for all of the pomp and circumstance is to protect him as the customer.

Here are the steps to ensure you are getting what you bargained for.

Confirm the label

The first step is to confirm you are getting the correct winery, vintage and vineyard. These details often are in fine print, so make sure you are getting what was featured on the list.

Check the cork

Inspecting the cork can give you clues as to how the wine was stored, which matters mostly when dealing with older vintages of 8 to 10 years or more. A dry and crumbly or excessively wet cork means the wine was not stored properly, which could affect its flavor but is not an automatic indicator the wine has spoiled. There is no reason to sniff the cork. It will only smell like a piece of bark.

Sniff and taste

The waiter will pour a 1- to 2-ounce portion for you to smell and taste to make sure it is not moldy or musty and to confirm that the temperature is to your liking and the wine is healthy and not funky.

Send it back

If you feel there is a problem with the wine, alert the waiter or manager. Often they will confirm your suspicions and retrieve another bottle for you. It is acceptable to send wine back as long as there is a legitimate reason for it.

Repeat

If you like the wine enough to order another bottle, the waiter will bring you a clean glass to repeat the process. Let the waiter know if you would prefer your guests to have fresh stemware as well.

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- AMC Select **Management** (R) 1:10,3:20,7:50
- AMC Select **Adoration** (NR) 2:10,4:30,7:00
- AMC Select **Limits-Control** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:10
- AMC Select **Merry Gent** (R) 5:30 P.M.
- AMC Select **Tyson** (R) 1:30,3:40,5:50,8:00

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- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 3:10,5:25,8:00,10:20
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) 1:00,1:45,2:30,4:00,4:45,5:30,7:00, 7:45,8:30,10:00,10:45
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 1:30,2:30,3:00,3:30,4:00,5:00, 6:00,7:00,7:30,8:30,9:00,9:30,10:30
- AMC Select **Rudo y Cursi** (R) 1:50,4:35,7:10,9:50
- **Next Day Air** (R) 3:10,5:35,7:50,10:10
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 2:15,3:15,5:30,6:45,8:45,10:05 ;
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 1:15,10:40
- **Ghosts-Girlfrnd** (PG–13) 1:10,3:40,6:05,8:35
- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 3:25,6:05,8:40
- **Obsessed** (PG–13) 10:35 P.M.
- **The Soloist** (PG–13) 6:10 P.M.

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- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) ★ 1:10,3:40,6:05,8:15,10:30
- **Smithsonian** (PG) ★ 12:10,12:40,1:40,2:10,2:45,3:20,4:20,4:50, 5:30,7:00,7:30,8:10,9:40,10:20,10:50
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) ★ 12:50,1:30,2:00,3:50,4:30,5:00, 6:10,6:40,7:20,8:00,9:00,9:30,10:10
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- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 1:20,4:45,7:40,10:15
- **Ghosts-Girlfrnd** (PG–13) 12:30,3:10,6:20,9:10
- **Obsessed** (PG–13) 1:45,4:15,6:45,9:15

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641
- **Smithsonian** (PG) ★ 1:10,1:40,3:50,4:20,6:30,7:00,9:10,9:40
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) ★ 12:30,1:30,3:20,4:30,6:20,7:20,9:20,10:10
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) ★ 12:15,12:45,1:20,3:30,4:15, 4:45,6:40,7:30,8:00,9:50,10:30
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- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 2:00,4:40,7:40,10:20
- **Ghosts-Girlfrnd** (PG–13) 1:50,4:10,6:50,9:30

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
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- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) ★ 2:00,4:50,7:30,9:50
- **Smithsonian** (PG) ★ 1:00,1:40,2:20,3:50,4:20,5:00,6:10,7:00,9:00,9:40
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) ★ 12:40,1:30,3:40,4:30,6:20,7:20, 7:50,9:10,10:10,10:40
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) ★ 12:15,12:45,1:50,3:30,4:10, 5:10,6:45,7:15,8:15,10:00,10:30
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 12:20,1:20,3:20,4:15,6:30,7:40,9:30,10:35
- **Next Day Air** (R) 1:10,4:00,6:50,9:15
- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 1:15,4:30,7:10,10:15
- **Obsessed** (PG–13) 12:50,3:45,6:40,9:45

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- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) ★ 2:00,4:50,7:30,9:50
- **Smithsonian** (PG) ★ 1:00,1:40,2:20,3:50,4:20,5:00,6:10,7:00,9:00,9:40
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) ★ 12:40,1:30,3:40,4:40,6:20,7:20, 7:50,9:10,10:10,10:40
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) ★ 12:15,12:45,1:50,3:30,4:10, 5:10,6:45,7:15,8:15,10:00,10:30
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 12:20,1:20,3:20,4:15,6:30,7:40,9:30,10:35
- **Next Day Air** (R) 1:10,4:00,6:50,9:15
- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 1:15,4:30,7:10,10:15
- **Obsessed** (PG–13) 12:50,3:45,6:40,9:45

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LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street
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- **Smithsonian** (PG) 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20
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- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 1:30,2:30,4:15,5:15,7:00,8:00,9:45
- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 12:20,2:45,5:10,7:35,10:00
- **Monsters 3D** (PG) 12:20 P.M.

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- **Brothers Bloom** (PG–13) ★ 1:20,4:15,7:00,9:45
- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) ★ 1:05,3:20,5:35,7:50,10:15
- **Smithsonian** (PG) ★ 11:30,1:00,2:20,3:30,4:55,6:10,7:30,8:45,10:05
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) ★ 11:55,12:50,1:45,2:40,3:35,4:30, 5:25,6:20,7:15,8:10,9:05,10:00
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) ★ 12:45,1:30,2:10,3:05,3:55, 4:40,5:30,6:15,7:05,7:55,8:40,9:25,10:20
- **Every Little** (PG–13) ★ 11:35,4:35,9:35
- **Management** (R) ★ 2:05,7:05
- **Monsters 3D** (PG) 11:40,2:05,4:25
- **Obsessed** (PG–13) 11:35
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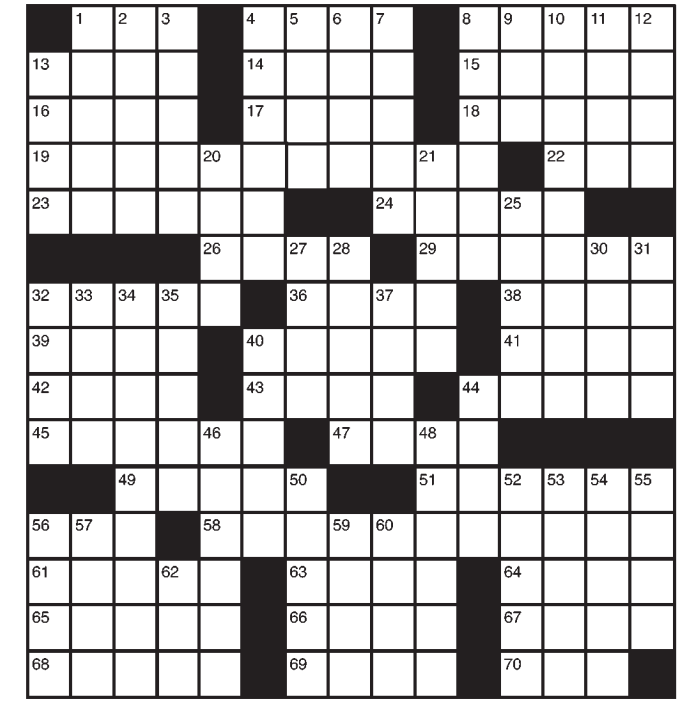

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4 Dawber and Shriver
8 Walks back and forth
13 City in Nevada
14 Kiwi's shape
15 Great distress
16 Crawling pests
17 Singer Turner
18 Splits apart
19 Birds mentioned in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"
22 Wis. time zone
23 Spring or fall
24 Hillside
26 "Immediately!"
29 Word on a fork
32 Walks haltingly
36 Checkers move
38 Physics class subject
39 One of HOMES
40 Rajah's wife
41 France's Coty
42 Crave
43 Provo's neighbor
44 Parent or grandparent
45 Wiggle
47 Zoom skyward
49 Pigpens
51 Serving tray
56 __ de Triomphe
58 Irresistible impulses
61 __ Carolina
63 Slacken
64 Catcher's glove
65 TV's "Kate & __"
66 Queue
67 __ cheese
68 Hammer parts
69 Pitfall
70 Rower's item

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1 Locality of a crime
2 Prefix for mural or venous
3 Pillars
4 Powerful
5 Enthusiastic
6 Hombre's hand
7 Eastern Europeans
8 Anglican cleric
9 Years lived
10 Stuck-up
11 Finishes
12 Circulatory or solar: abbr.
13 Word of disgust
20 At a __; baffled
21 Wed without ceremony
25 June birthstone
27 Unclosed
28 Ditties
30 Finished
31 Of the U.S.A.
32 Ayres & others
33 Baghdad's location
34 Tiny
35 __ four; small cake
37 Note
40 "__ and Juliet"
44 Paleozoic and Christian
46 Wealth
48 Snoozing
50 Silvery fish
52 Party dance
53 "Behold!"
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'366 days' to go

Fans show support as T.I. reports to federal prison in Arkansas

Associated Press

FORREST CITY, Ark. Rapper T.I. entered an Arkansas federal prison Tuesday to begin a year and a day sentence on a weapon charge.

T.I., whose real name is Clifford J. Harris Jr., still made a concert-like entrance to the Forrest City low-security prison—likely showing up 29 minutes late inside of a black conversion van with tinted windows. T.I was to report at noon, but the deadline passed as guards outside blocked reporters and onlookers from coming near the facility on a rural state highway.

It was not immediately clear if T.I.'s late arrival would affect his plea deal with prosecutors. A spokesman with the U.S. attorney's office in Atlanta said the federal Bureau of Prisons would decide whether T.I. would face any additional jail time or fines for showing up late.

Federal prison spokeswoman Linda Thomas told The Associated Press that T.I. had been processed through the prison's intake system, but couldn't offer a specific time or any other details. Thomas said the Atlanta rapper would be known inside by guards as federal prison inmate No. 59458019.

Traci Billingsley, another prison spokeswoman, said T.I.'s arrival would be handled no differently than any other and the prison had no special protections prepared for the rapper. The low-security prison has double-bunked cells and a large fenced exercise yard, where inmates in white jumpsuits could be seen Tuesday morning.

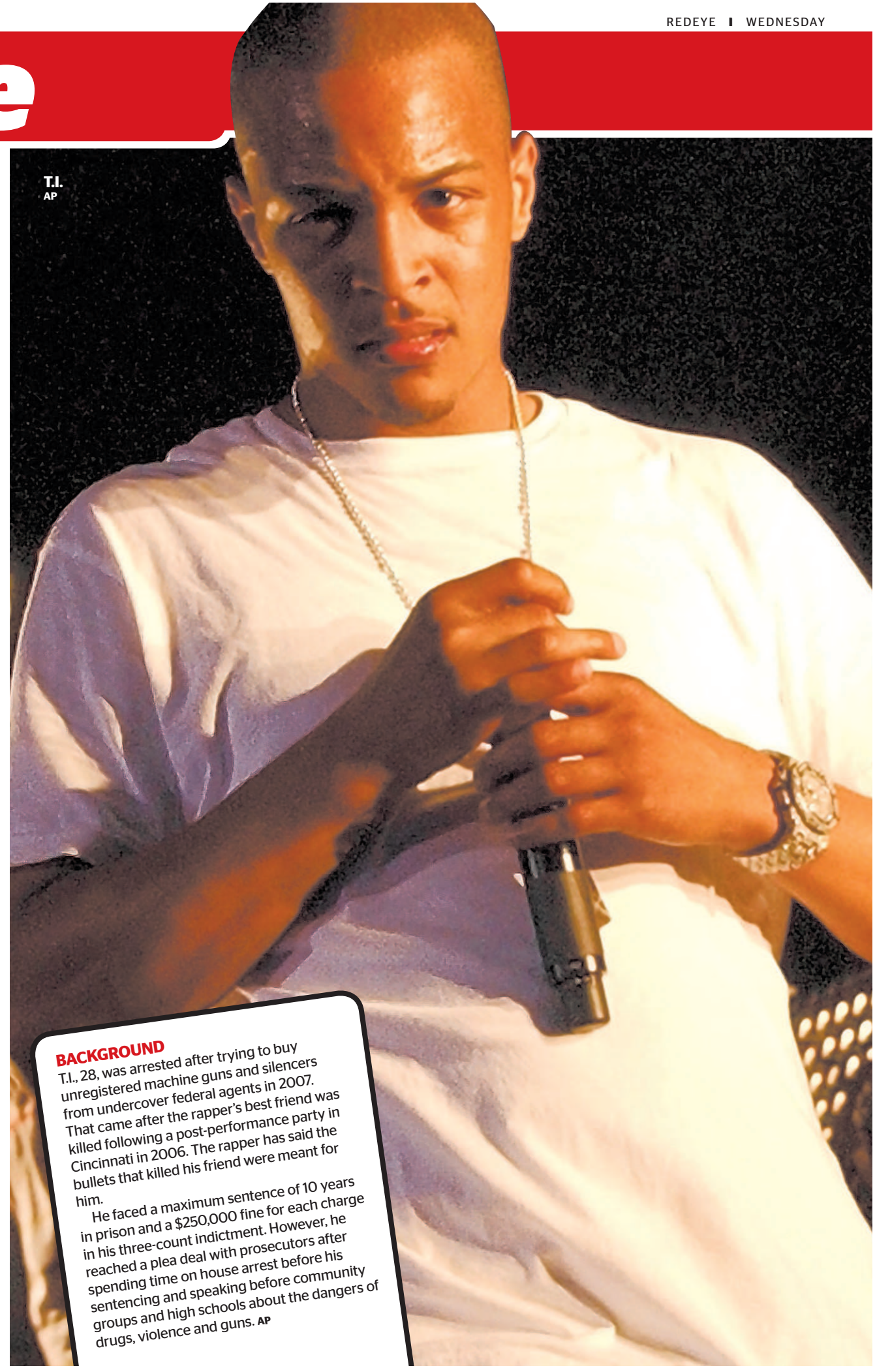
"We treat all our offenders in the same manner," Billingsley said.

Fans gathered down the road from the prison Tuesday screamed "we love you, T.I!" when the black van pulled up at the prison. Afterward, they shouted at TV cameras that "T.I. is the greatest!"

Upon his release, T.I. will be on probation for three years. He also must pay a $100,000 fine as part of his sentence.

T.I.'s sixth album, "Paper Trail," has sold about 2 million copies and the rapper earned a Grammy for the song "Swagga Like Us" that he performed with Jay-Z. T.I. wrote the lyrics for the album while awaiting trial.

T.I. performed Sunday in Atlanta and told the crowd he'd "see y'all in 366 days."



T.I.
AP

BACKGROUND

T.I., 28, was arrested after trying to buy unregistered machine guns and silencers from undercover federal agents in 2007. That came after the rapper's best friend was killed following a post-performance party in Cincinnati in 2006. The rapper has said the bullets that killed his friend were meant for him.

He faced a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine for each charge in his three-count indictment. However, he reached a plea deal with prosecutors after spending time on house arrest before his sentencing and speaking before community groups and high schools about the dangers of drugs, violence and guns. AP

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TLC

Jon and Kate plus 9.8 million

They may be in RedEye's Red Hot Doghouse, but TV viewers can't get enough of Jon and Kate Gosselin. Some 9.8 million viewers tuned in to the TLC show's season premiere Monday, which is more than double of the amount who tuned into the season 4 finale (4.6 million), **usmagazine.com** reported. To put that record-breaking fact in perspective, "Lost's" season finale attracted fewer viewers with 9.2 million. While viewers were hooked, critics weren't so friendly. The Baltimore Sun's David Zurawik wrote, "For all the nasty and stupid reality shows I have seen over the years, I have to say this one did leave me feeling like I was looking in on something that I shouldn't be watching."

Rumor mill

Paris Hilton is slamming British newspaper reports that she and beau Doug Reinhardt were tossed off a yacht for hooking up in the bathroom over the weekend following the Cannes Film Festival, **usmagazine.com** reports. But on her MySpace page, Hilton blogged "I would never do that. ... I'm so sick of all these false rumors. It's not fair that writers can get away it. They have no credibility."

White wedding

White Stripes drummer Meg White tied the knot Friday with Jackson Smith, the son of punk legend Patti Smith and the late Fred "Sonic" Smith of rock band MC5, E! News reports. The couple wed in an intimate ceremony in the backyard of her bandmate and ex, Jack White. Good thing they're still close because that would've been awkward.

'Buffy' TV show
WB

'Buffy' 3.0

Based on recent movies such as "Star Trek" and "Terminator Salvation," everything old is new again. The latest relaunch in the works is "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," says The Hollywood Reporter. But there's no Buffy and Co. and creator Joss Whedon is not on board. So will the reboot be a failure to relaunch or revive the franchise? Sounds like time for a Faceoff between Fran Rubel Kuzui, the director of the 1992 movie and owner of the rights to the franchise, and Whedon, creator of the character and TV show!

RESUME

☐ **KUZUI:** Exec producer credits for TV show "Buffy" and spinoff, "Angel." Also directed and wrote 1988 film "Tokyo Pop" that grossed $125,345.

☑ **WHEDON:** Creator of other cult faves such as now-canceled "Firefly" and the more recent "Dollhouse," he's also garnered nominations for an Oscar and Emmy.

SUCCESS

☐ **KUZUI:** Movie made $16.6M at the box office.

☑ **WHEDON:** Show ranked No. 10 on Entertainment Weekly's list of "100 Greatest Shows of All Time."

CREATIVITY

☐ **KUZUI:** Movie had lines such as "My secret weapon is PMS" and "You ruined my new jacket! Kill him A LOT!"

☑ **WHEDON:** Whedon was known for his unorthodox storytelling. Musical, anyone?

OVERALL WINNER

The checkmarks show Buffy won't be Buffy without Whedon.

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Allen
AP

Did AT&T help Kris Allen win "American Idol"?

The New York Times reports that reps of AT&T—whose phone network is the only one that can be used to cast "AI" votes—provided free text-messaging services at two parties in Allen's native Arkansas after the final performances last week.

No similar services seem to have been given to Adam Lambert's supporters, the Times reports.

Fox officials declined to comment. In a statement issued Tuesday, a spokesman for AT&T said, "In Arkansas, we were invited to attend the local watch parties organized by the community. A few local employees brought a small number of demo phones with them and provided texting tutorials to those who were interested." Stay tuned.

IDOLGATE?

THE DIGIT

$2.3 million

Asking price for the 5,300-square-foot Highland Park house made famous in 1986 movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." In the movie, it was the fictional home of Ferris Bueller's friend, Cameron Frye.

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Snuggie vs. Wearable Towel

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1) Snuggie 2) Wearable Towel

THE VELVET ROPE

Coming clean

Pratt

Spencer Pratt did something he said he hasn't done in 24 years—he apologized.

"I'm the most sorry ever in my life for spreading all the rumors about the sex tape and putting all that out there, and obviously I can't take that back and I'm sorry for your family and your friends and anyone else that you know, was hurt by what I did to you," he told Lauren Conrad over the phone on "The Hills."

Attack of the 'Housewives'

What about Chicago? Bravo announced Tuesday it will create a D.C. spinoff of its "Real Housewives" franchise, which has showcased catfights, surgically enhanced chests and lavish spending by housewives in Orange County, New York, Atlanta and New Jersey. But, sadly, Chicago has not yet made the cut. Or incision.

Will & Co.

Ferrell

What do Will Ferrell, James Gandolfini and Anne Hathaway have in common? They—and about two dozen other celebs—were announced as presenters Tuesday for the 63rd annual Tony Award show airing at 8 p.m. June 7 on CBS. Projects featuring Ferrell and Gandolfini also are nominated for awards.

Hair America

O'Brien

Conan O'Brien isn't worried that viewers will get tired of all the talk fests on TV. But just in case they do, the future "Tonight Show" host has a plan. "I think at some point my show is going to have to morph into a detective show," O'Brien said Tuesday. "It's going to be 'Murder, She Wrote' with a slightly younger demo." O'Brien says his first week (June 1) features "some of my favorite people," including Will Ferrell, Tom Hanks, Green Day, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Sheryl Crow and Gwyneth Paltrow. "And then Ryan Seacrest and I are lovers, so that just made sense."

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